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Watersville M. E. Church
Watersville Road

1921

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Watersville M. E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Watersville Roadnot for publicationcity, town Watersvillevicinity of

congressional district

state Marylandcounty Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>X</u> district	<u>public</u>	<u>occupied</u>	<u>agriculture</u>	<u>museum</u>
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>X</u> unoccupied	<u>commercial</u>	<u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>	<u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u>	<u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>yes: restricted</u>	<u>government</u>	<u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>	<u>transportation</u>
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u>military</u>	<u>X</u> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name unknown

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. unknownliber

street & number

folio

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: The Watersville Methodist Episcopal Church is located within what remains of the small town of Watersville, on the southern boundary of Carroll County in the southwest section of the County. It is a one-story, one-bay by four-bay terra cotta block structure set on a raised, rubble stone foundation that is banked into a hill on the south and west. The church faces south toward the Patapsco falls, and is next to the Watersville Road, on the east side. There is a marble date stone on the southeast corner of the east elevation that reads "M.E. Church 1921." The upper story is built of glazed terra cotta block with a surface that approximates vermiculation. The gable roof has a ridge that runs north-south, has diamond pattern shingles, and exposed rafter ends. The south elevation has center double doors of tongue-and-grooved, beaded-edge vertical boards. The west elevation has four pairs of casement windows with diamond-light leaded glass. The east elevation has the diamond-light casements in the southern three bays. The northern bay has a projecting shed-roofed wing of the same terra cotta block and rubble stone foundation.

The Watersville Methodist Episcopal Church is located within what remains of the small town of Watersville, on the southern boundary of Carroll County in the southwest section of the County. It is approximately 3 miles east of Mount Airy. It is a one-story, one-bay by four-bay terra cotta block structure set on a raised, rubble stone foundation that is banked into a hill on the south and west. The church faces south toward the Patapsco falls, and is next to the Watersville Road, on the east side. The rubble stone in the foundation for the most part looks local, but some of the stone appears to be Port Deposit granite, and may indicate reuse of an earlier foundation. There is a marble date stone on the southeast corner of the east elevation that reads "M.E. Church 1921." The upper story is built of glazed terra cotta block with a surface that approximates vermiculation. The gable roof has a ridge that runs north-south, has diamond pattern shingles, and exposed rafter ends.

The south elevation has center double doors of tongue-and-grooved, beaded-edge vertical boards. Above it is a lanceolate transom with four stiles and infill of the same beaded-edge boards. The center portion of this elevation projects forward from the plane of the facade about the thickness of one block, and this projection is squared off at the top. The gable end has wood rake boards. The exterior stairs fall off to the east, toward the road. The west elevation has four pairs of casement windows with diamond-light leaded glass. Below each window is a window well with paired casement windows in the foundation. The east elevation has the diamond-light casements in the southern three bays, with three large boarded up window openings in the foundation below. These

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lower openings have concrete lintels and sills. The northern bay has a projecting shed-roofed wing of the same terra cotta block and rubble stone foundation. There is no opening on the east or south elevations of the upper story of the wing. The east elevation of the foundation of the wing has double doors with a concrete lintel and sill. Each door has one light above two panels. The north elevation has a boarded up opening in the center of the gable end and an interior terra cotta block chimney west of center. There is a pair of leaded casements east of center in the upper story, with a pair of glazed double doors below them, in the foundation. There is also a pair of glazed casement windows in the center of the cellar wall. Both foundation openings have concrete lintels and sills. The church is currently vacant and the interior was not accessible.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1921 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion

Resource Types: Church, Rural vernacular

Since the Watersville U. M. Church closed several years ago, there is virtually no information available on its history. There was a Methodist Church located in this vicinity at least by 1862, according to Martenet's Map of Carroll County. It was still there in 1877, and Scharf noted in 1883, in his History of Western Maryland, that "[t]he Methodist Episcopal and Baptist congregations have a place of worship." What happened to the old building is unknown, but it was replaced with the existing building in 1921. It would appear that the old foundation was reused, with some alteration.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862 & 1877 maps
Scharf, History of Western Maryland, p. 896

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name WoodbineQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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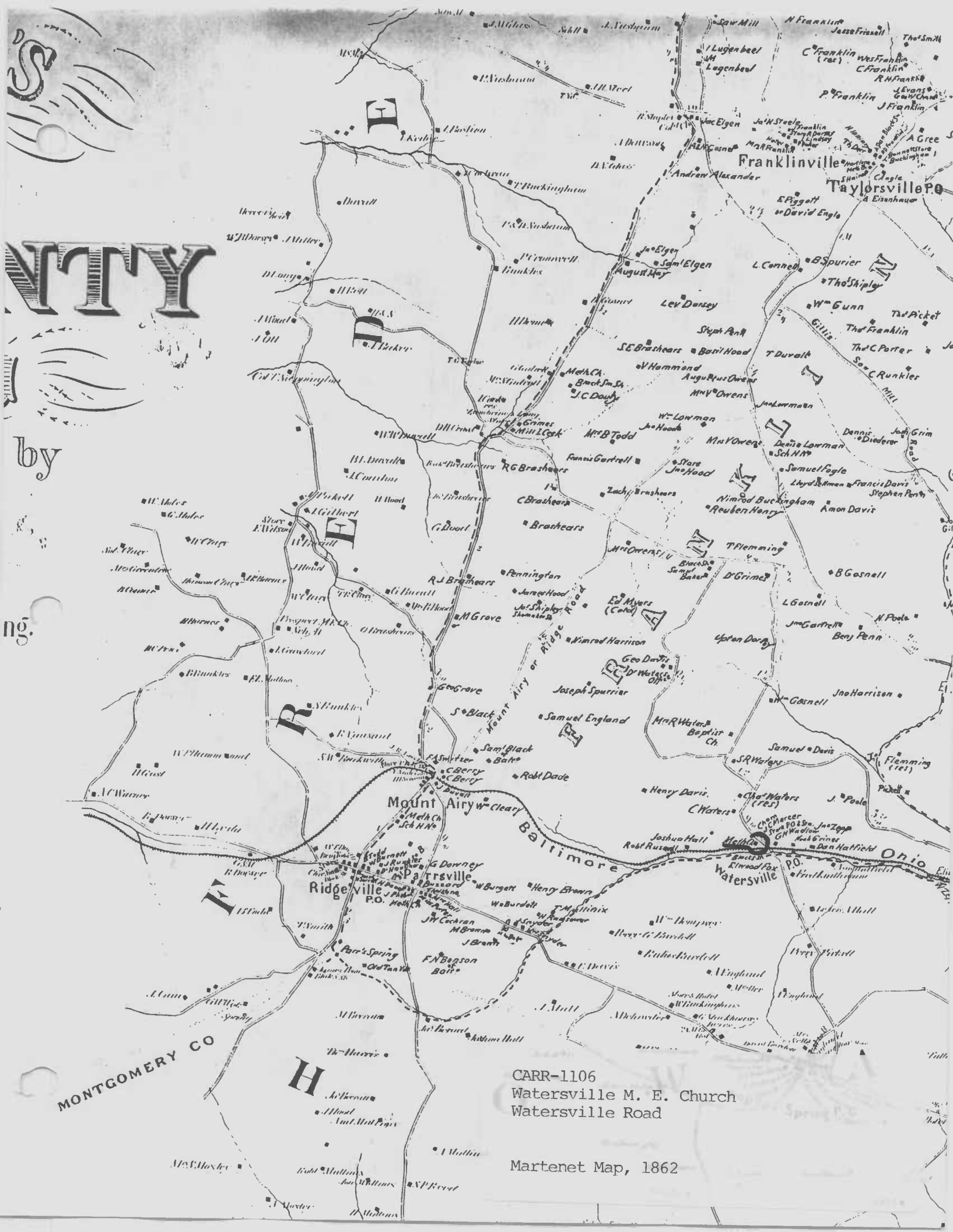
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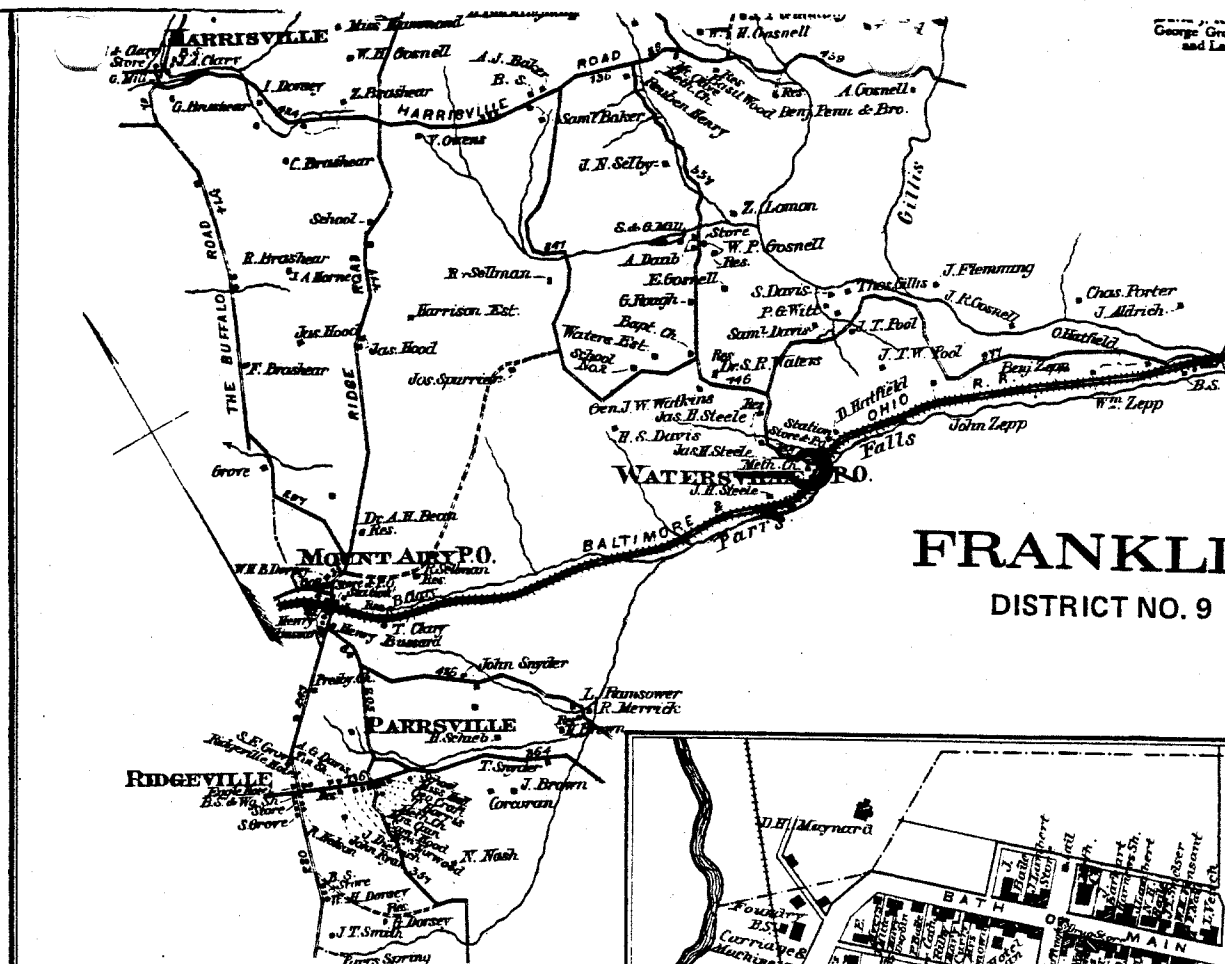
name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Plannerorganization Carroll County Planner Departmentdate July 22, 1993street & number 225 North Center Streettelephone (410) 857-2145city or town Westminsterstate MD

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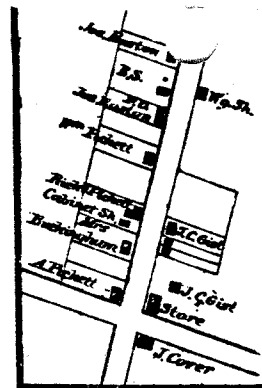
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DISTRICT NO. 9

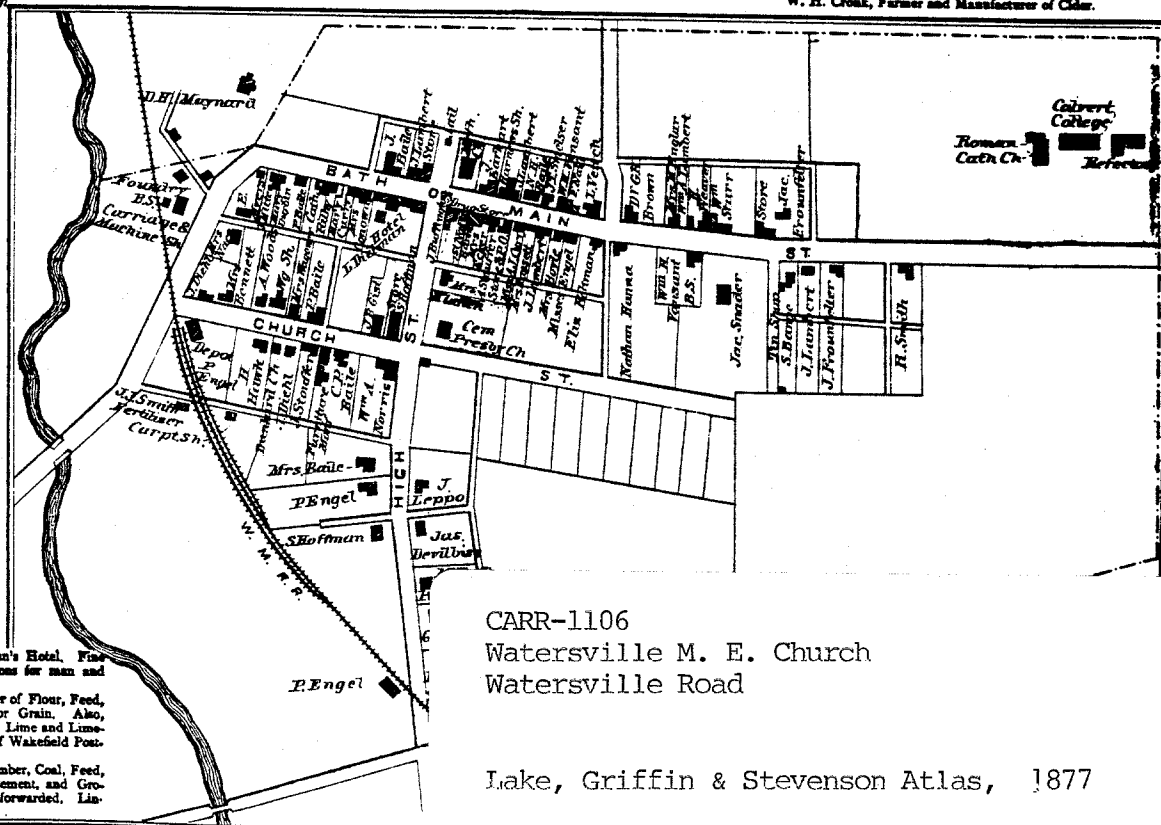
WINDFIELD BUSINESS REFERENCES.

Geo. W. Hood, Boot and Shoe Maker. All work first-class. Shop on Mt. Airy and Westminster Road.
 W. H. B. Dorsey, Dealer in Grains. All kinds of Fertilizers, Agricultural Implements and Machinery, Lumber, Shingles, Lath and Frames. Mt. Airy.
 Dr. A. H. Bean, Physician and Surgeon. Residence near Mt. Airy.
 Elias M. Wood, Minister of the Maryland Virginia Membership of the Church of God.
 J. R. Israel & Sons, House and Sign Painters. Residence in Windfield.
 S. R. Waters, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, near Watersville.
 W. F. Gonnell, Dealer in Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, and everything usually kept in a first-class Country Store. Store on Watersville road 3 miles from Watersville.
 H. P. Skidmore, Manufacturer of pure Cider, and keeps constantly on hand Cider and Vinegar for sale. Mill near Windfield.
 W. H. Crook, Farmer and Manufacturer of Cider.

NEW WINDSOR BUSINESS REFERENCES.

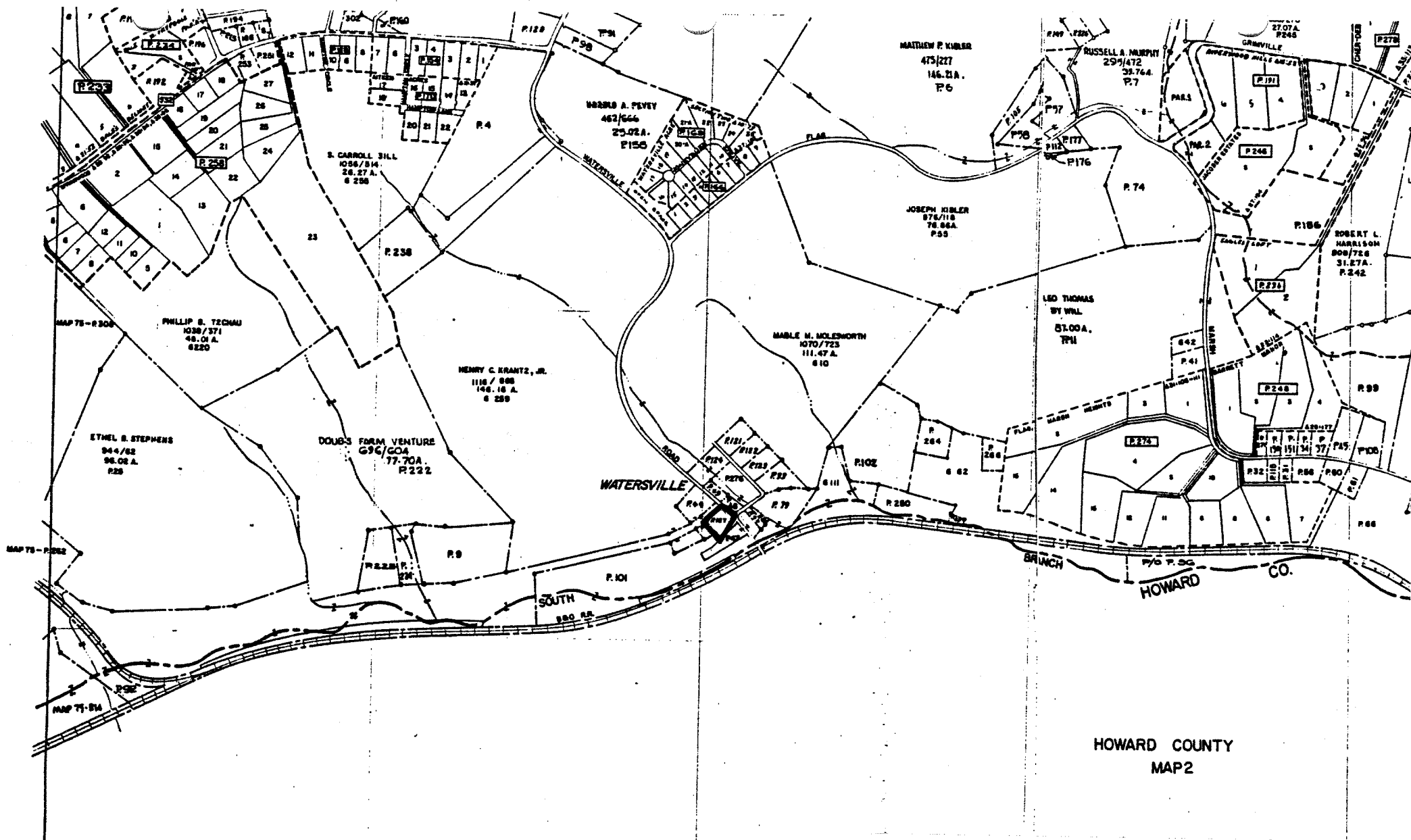
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 L. A. Aldridge, Physician and Surgeon, near Denning's Post-office.
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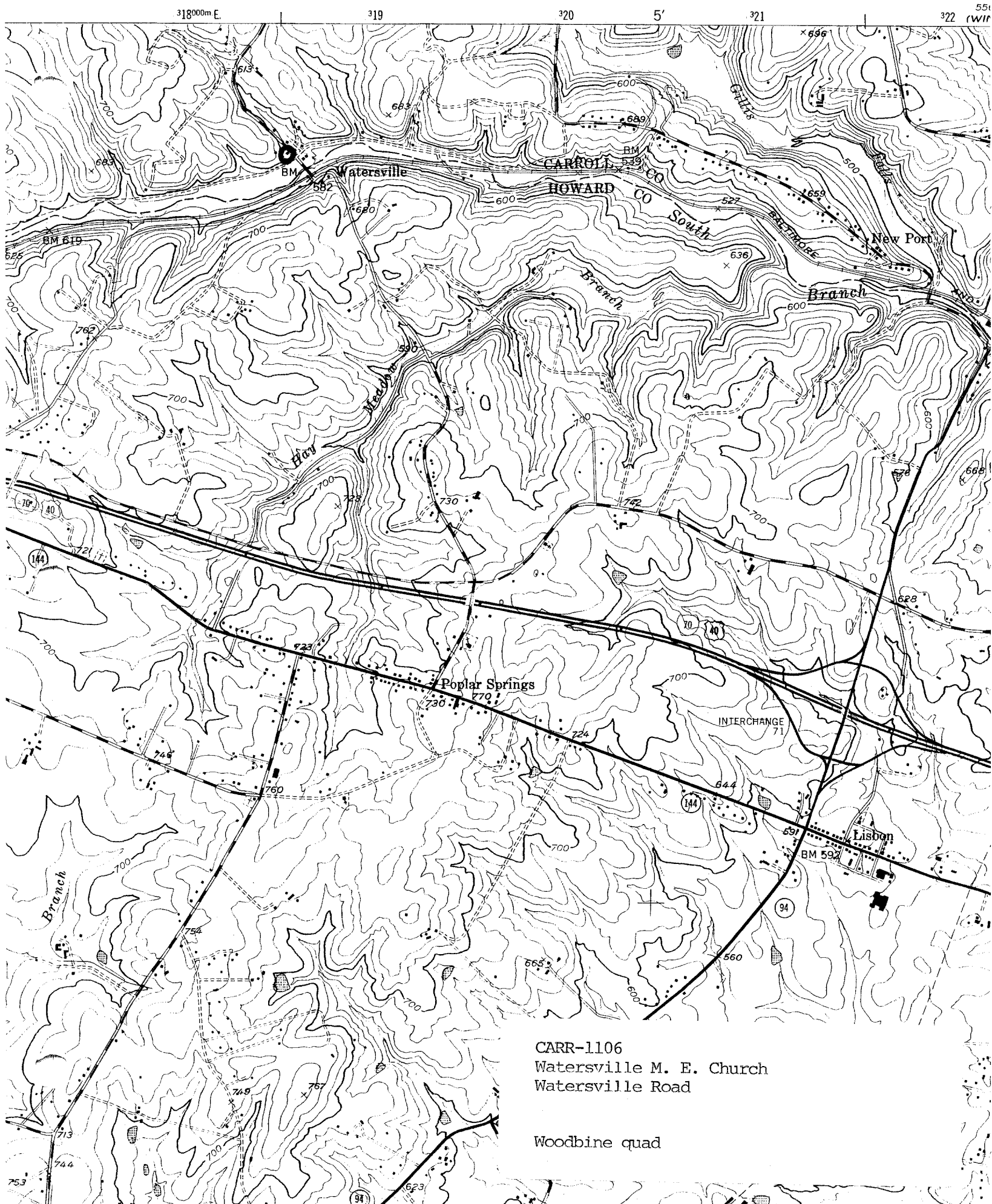
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Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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South: east elevations

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